



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB INCORPORATED 9003853

MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024

At 10:15 am members arrived and helped to set-up the room for the meeting. Morning tea was put on by various helpers as our Kitchen Assistant Coral Starr was unable to attend but all went off quite well.

OPENING: (President – Peter Logan)

The 155th Meeting of the Wentworth Point Probus Club was then opened at 10:35 am by the President Peter Logan who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The President then handed over to Des McEvoy (Co-Guest Speaker Co-ordinator) to introduce the Guest Speaker. Des introduced our Guest Speaker at 10:40 am.

GUEST SPEAKER: (Guest Speaker Co-ordinators –Robyn Watts (Away) & Des McEvoy)

He started off informing the members that they should make sure their smoke alarms were working as, in addition to his Australian history books and talks, he has been a Fireman since 1987 and has been serving in Sydney's Newtown Fire Station for 33 years.



Matt Murphy



He has written a couple of books and has just finished another one on the Gold Rush in Australia.

A few members thought that it would be advantageous to purchase his book which covered the topic of Rum in Australia so as to get a more in-depth look into this topic.

He is now also a part time historian and teacher. His talk on Rum in the early colonisation of New South Wales was invigorating to say the least, much in the style of a teacher asking questions and getting answers, most of which were correct, which quite surprised him.

Matt Murphy finished his talk at 11:20 am and Des McEvoy thanked Matt Murphy for his extremely interesting presentation which was enjoyed by the members.

He then presented Matt Murphy with a gift from the Wentworth Point Probus Club for his appearance today.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President Peter Logan)

President Peter Logan then called for the monthly reports from Officers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ~~Alison (Rose-Smith)~~ t a r y

The Secretary tabled the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 July 2024 which were emailed to members on 24 July 2024. There were no appreciable information notices from Probud South Pacific Limited. The report was accepted by Paul Woodley and seconded by Marilyn King.

TREASURER'S REPORT ~~Nancye Purser~~ u r e r

BANK RECONCILIATION July 2024

OPENING BALANCE As At 4 July 2024		6899.95
INCOME		
Outings	Christmas-In-July	198.00
	Museum of Fire & Norman Lindsay Gallery	348.00
	Parramatta Town Hall	210.00
TOTAL INCOME		756.00
EXPENDITURE		
	Member Refunds	208.00
	Robyn Watts – Flowers For Denise McManus	55.83
	Website Payment- Rachael Pedder	315.00
	Peter Logan – Noel Jones Lunch	30.00
	Buses & Camden Valley Inn	990.00
	Hickson House Gin Distillery Tour	600.00
	Camden Valley Inn Outing	1660.00
	N & P Purser – Speaker Expenses	60.00
	N & P Purser – Christmas-In-July Expenses	82.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4001.01
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 4 AUGUST 2024		3654.94

The Treasurer stated that the balance at the end of July 2024 was \$3,654.94. The Treasurer stated that as of the date of the meeting, the closing balance was circa \$3,000.00.

This report was tabled at the meeting and accepted by Chris Hollingsworth and seconded by Barbara Murrie.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

APOLOGIES:

There was a total of 32 Apologies and when I informed the members of this number there was an audible gasp at the amount and I did state that this was the largest amount of Apologies I ever remembered receiving.

Apologies	Erica McLean; Phil Mulhearn; Julie Townsend; Sally Yeo.
Non-Attending Members	Susan Kehoe; Tom Murrie; Janice Pethybridge; Jill Spooner; John Spooner.
Website Apologies	Joan Abela; Jill Collis; Stephen Collis; Mary Eastman; Trish Georgeson; Warwick Georgeson; Chris Greef; Elizabeth Greef; Elizabeth Griffiths; Graham Griffiths; Francesca Gullotta; Henrietta Haldane; Marie Hancock; Nadya Kapustin; Christine Maher; Phil Maher; Christine McKay; Angie Murray; John Murray; Di Nelson; Joe Nelson; Coral Starr; Barry Tozer; Albert Watts; Robyn Watts.

MEMBERS – NEW MEMBERS – VISITORS (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

Apologies	4	Non-Attending Members	5
Late Apologies	0	Other Apologies	0
Late Attending Members	0	Total Apologies	32
Members In Attendance	36	Visitors	1
Members Who Resigned	0	Website Apologies	27
New Members	0		
		Total Members	72

There was one visitor at the meeting, Christine Derry who had previously sent in an "Express of Interest" form from the Wentworth Point with regard to that on Tuesday 23 July 2024. So it was good to see her at the meeting and she has expressed interest in coming to the upcoming outings.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES (Welfare Officer – Denise McManus)

Birthdays	Brian Drew	1 August	Tom Murrie	13 August
	Jill Collis	8 August	Barry Tozer	31 August
	Bell Loughhead	12 August		
W/A	Shelagh & George Poray	14 August	Elizabeth & Chris Greef	21 August

It was Shelagh and George's 50th Wedding Anniversary and the members congratulated them on this milestone. Some of the Birthdays and Anniversary recipients were amongst the Apologies for the meeting. All were given a cheer and applause from all the members.



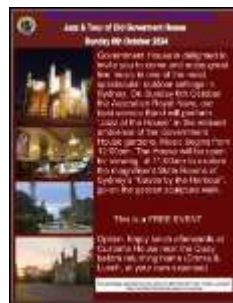
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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES (Outings Officers – Peter Purser & Paul Woodley)

Peter Purser thanked all the members for completing the survey regarding their outings preferences for the upcoming Melbourne Cup and Christmas Party. The overwhelming vote was for Massey Park Golf Club for the Melbourne Cup and Major Oaks Theatre Restaurant for the Christmas Party Outing. Peter also stated that payments for these events were due on 4 and 31 October 2024 respectively.

Peter Purser reported that The Hickson House Distillery tour was excellent as was Christmas-In-July at the Camden Valley Inn where we had enough for a larger more comfortable coach.



Peter then outlined upcoming outings as follows:

Wednesday	28 August	11:00 am	2:30 pm	Lunch at Flight Club, The Rocks
Tuesday	10 Sept	10:00 am	12:30 pm	Parramatta Town Hall Bespoke Tour; With Lunch at the Park Royal Hotel
Sunday	6 October	9:25 am	4:00 pm	Government House Tour + Jazz Concert and Lunch Option
Tuesday	5 November	12:00 pm	4:00 pm	Melbourne Cup Lunch – Massey Park
Friday	6 December	6:30 pm	11:00 pm	Christmas Party Major Oak Theatre Restaurant

Peter and Nancye then played a video of the past two outings to the Hickson House Gin Distillery where we had lunch and a tour of the Gin making area then a tasting. Along with the Christmas-In-July lunch at the Camden Valley Inn. The video as usual was excellent and put together with so much professionalism. The members gave a rowdy round of applause as it was truly an excellent production.



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GENERAL BUSINESS (Any Items from the Committee & Members)

The President, Peter Logan, stated that he had received a poster regarding the Schools Spectacular, which came to our Probus through Pulse.

He also stated that a discussion was held at the committee meeting with regard to tipping the coach/bus drivers that take us on our various outings. The committee thought that it would be a good idea and a nice gesture to tip the drivers as they go out of their way to accommodate us on our outings, such as the driver who took us on the Zig Zag Railway wherein he provided morning tea. This motion was put to the members and all agreed that it was a very good idea to implement this motion.

Also the situation with the chairs was discussed after the incident with the broken chair and it was decided to let the committee review the situation and pass any updates onto Pulse with regard to obtaining new, more sturdy chairs.

Peter also commented on the fact that with regard to the next meeting that we hoped it would be in the same Pulse Function Room 1 but that the Local Council Elections would be held in the same room on the previous Saturday 14 September and we hoped that they would have all their material packed away by the time of our next meeting. If not we may have to move the meeting to Pulse Function Room 2.

No questions were forthcoming.

CLOSE OF MEETING Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

Meeting closed at 11:55 am. A few members adjourned to Iluka for lunch and others sought out a new venue at Bosphorous at Marina Square.

NEXT MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

The next meeting would be held on Monday 16 September 2024.